

LB 355, and each one of you know who you are. There are, however, a group of senators in this body who have a difficulty with this issue, a great, great difficulty with it and they have received from their constituencies letters and telephone calls that have said to them don't, under any circumstances, vote for Brad Ashford's bill, LB 355. Now I suggest to you that if LB 355, which is the bill that was supported by the NRA in Iowa, had been brought to this body by the NRA, you would be receiving telephone calls and letters from those NRA members saying, for god sakes, vote for the one-year annual permit, it works in Iowa. The difference, the critical difference here is that the NRA, for two and a half years, has spent thousands of dollars condemning me as a sponsor of gun control legislation and certainly this year condemning LB 355 as a gun control measure. Therefore, the numbers, 355, are what become relevant, not the substance of what LB 355 is. In LB 355, as amended, Senator Chizek and now this body has got a measure which has taken away all reference to registration of guns, has taken away all...has exempted family transfers, has taken away all concerns about transferring guns at hand shows...or gun shows, and has come up with a bill which has met every single objection that the NRA has, except one, which is we don't want any cooling-off period. They wanted one in Iowa but they don't want one in Nebraska. Why do the NRA agree to protect the citizens of Iowa and not the citizens of Nebraska? I would suggest to you that if we put LB 355 into LB 801, you would be getting letters saying support LB 801. I really believe, again, members, as I said at the beginning, don't make your pose, your first duty of life control every decision you make. Look to what is being done in LB 355. It cannot possibly be less restrictive. It is not going to solve every criminal case but it is going to provide a cooling-off period for that first-time gun buyer who is committing...who is not a felon, who is a father or a mother or a child, who creates victims out of law-abiding citizens and creates criminals out of themselves. Why do we want to make it in this society easy as it is to go to a Target store and buy a toy gun? Why do we want to make it that easy for someone who is mentally...has a problem for even a moment, who is emotionally disturbed, and the examples, I'm not going to cite anymore of them. I've sent them around to you. Each one is different. We could debate each one but,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...obviously, that isn't what's appropriate to